

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul D. Pyla on July 31, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

2.1. In claim 3, line 8, after "step (b)", the following has been added:

-- , wherein the amount of (B) is 25 parts by weight or more, based on 100 parts by weight of the base particles,--
(support is found on page 15, lines 19-22).

2.2. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims in their present amended forms have overcome Artiga Gonzales et al. (US Patent No. 6,528,474), a close prior art from the newly submitted IDS dated 7/24/08 because even though this reference teaches spraying anionic surfactant acids (i.e., 10.0wt%, 13.0 wt% , or 1.8wt%), onto spray dried tower powder, which comprises anionic surfactants obtained from the neutralization of their acid precursors and excess

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sodium carbonate, in a mixer, (see col. 4, lines 43-63; Example in col. 19, line 24 to col. 20, line 27), Artiga Gonzalez fails to teach the recited amount of 25 wt% or more of anionic surfactant acids which is mixed to the spray dried particles containing the carbonate. Accordingly, the subject matter, as a whole, would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the detergent art.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lorna M. Douyon whose telephone number is 571-272-1313. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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